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HENRY WATERS PASSES AWAY

Henry Waters, the well known cigar manufacturer, died shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon from a complication of diseases, at his home, 205 South Seventh street.

Mr. Waters had been in poor

health for several months, although able to be about until a couple of weeks ago, when he suffered a severe stroke and has since been confined to his bed. He has been unconscious for more than a week and for days his condition has been hopeless.

Deceased was 56 years of age and had resided in the city for a number of years, being one of the pioneer cigar manufacturers in this section of the country. He was prominent in public affairs and his death will be a severe blow to La Crosse.

TO CALL AN EXTRA SESSION

If Congress Does
not Pass Bill

PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED

La Follette Makes Warm
Defense of his Amend-
ment

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, March 2.—It is stated on highest authority that should congress fail to pass the desired rate law an extra session will be called.

A friend of the president declared this morning:
"If the Hepburn bill is knocked out or if it passes and is killed by the supreme court the president will continue to fight along other lines until he secures rate regulations. The sooner the railroads realize this the better it will be for them."

La Follette spoke today warmly defending his amendment to the bill closing the affairs of five civilized tribes. His amendment provides that no railroad shall acquire an interest in the coal, or asphalt lands in Indian Territory.

ANOTHER EQUITABLE
GOES TO THE WALL

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
ELKHART, Ind., March 2.—The Equitable Building, Loan and Savings association with a capital of two millions, was placed in liquidation this morning by the board of directors. It is believed the association will pay out nearly in full.

ADAMS EXPRESS
LOSES \$1,900
IN CASH

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 2. Nineteen hundred in cash was stolen from the Adams Express office this morning.

WEATHER FORECAST

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Rain this afternoon turning to snow tonight; Saturday snow; colder.
Coldest 34; warmest 42; wind 8 a. m. 6 miles per hour.
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BARBERS MUST STERILIZE TOOLS

Barbers' Board Instructs
Health Officer to See
to it

Every La Crosse barber shop will have to be equipped with sterilizers under an edict issued by the state barbers' examining board before the departure of the members for their homes this noon.

Health Officer Major was instructed by the board to see that this sanitary requirement of the barbers' law was enforced, and a new order of things is about to prevail in the conduct of local shops.

A sterilizer is a solution of liquid which kills all disease germs on anything which is immersed in it. All razors, combs and brushes are required to be dipped into the solution after using so there is absolutely no danger of disease being transferred from one customer to another through the medium of barbers' tools.

The barbers' board, in its inspection here, found that only about one-fifth of the local shops were enforcing this phase of the law. In every violation that was found strict instructions were issued forthwith and the local health officer will see that they are enforced. Henceforth the man in the chair who does not see his barber dip his razor in a cup or bowl of dark colored liquid will know that an important requirement of the state law is being violated. The barbers have been given a thorough understanding of the law and henceforth every violation will be reported to the state board or to Dr. Harper of the state board of health. The barbers' board declares this rule must be rigidly enforced.

CROWDS INCREASE AT GIRL-SLAVE'S TRIAL IN N. Y.

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, March 2.—Morbid crowds increased this morning at the Claiche trial. A patrolman Merton was recalled to the stand to continue telling his relations with the girl.

NEGRO HANGED FOR ASSAULT ON WOMAN

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
SPARTANBURG, W. Va., March 2.—William Thomas, a negro, was hanged this morning for a criminal assault upon Mrs. Frank James in December. The woman is still suffering as a result. This is the first hanging in this city for this offense.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL DEFEATED

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The senate committee on the Philippines met today to take action on the bill which proposes to admit Philippine sugar, tobacco and rice at 25 per cent off the Dingley rates.
The committee defeated the tariff bill by a vote of 8 to 7.

ICE USERS WILL FIGHT THE TRUST

Robinson Ice House Leased
and Will be Filled
by Merchants

Rebelling at the extortionate prices demanded by the dealers in the local combine for supplying ice for the coming season, an independent combination headed by Alderman Carl Foerster has leased the old Robinson ice house on West channel and will put in a supply of ice.

Several businessmen who use large quantities of ice are in on the deal and if a cold spell sets in they may be able to harvest enough ice to let some others in.

A large crew of men will begin cutting ice in West channel close to the house tomorrow and the harvesting of the crop will be hastened with all possible speed.

BODY OF MURDERED MERCHANT FLOAT- ING IN RIVER

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)
DES MOINES, Ia., March 2.—The body of G. W. Chapman, a prominent hardware merchant of Emmetsburg, Ia., was found floating in the Des Moines river near Harvey. There is every indication of murder. He disappeared from his home in December and it is believed at that time he was killed and the body thrown into the river.

NEW BRIDGE TO WEST LA CROSSE

The question of building a new bridge over Black river to French Island is the subject of more or less discussion especially with residents on the island, says the Onalaska Record.

It falls to the city of Onalaska to keep up this bridge and as has been noted through these columns our city council has had the matter under consideration for some time. At the last meeting of the council the committee appointed to ascertain the amount of money necessary to replace the bridge with a new one reported it estimated to be \$3,000.

Residents on the island however who have been looking into the matter claim that a new bridge is not necessary and that the present one can be repaired for a sum not exceeding \$1,000.

French is land people are desirous for a bridge at this point for their accommodation and are willing to donate the work necessary for making the approaches if the city will provide the money needed to repair the old bridge.

The subject will probably be taken up again at the next meeting of the council.

W. F. McEldowney and J. H. Gilligan of West Salem were in the city today.

Shopping-thrift is a virtue of gradual growth. As it becomes more and more a habit, the twin-habit of advertising keeps pace with it.

CAR ORDINANCE FAIR TO PEOPLE

Concessions Demanded of Car Co. for
Benefit of Workingmen, Pupils
and General Public

After three hours of the hardest kind of labor the council in committee of the whole last night revised the street railway franchise ordinance so that it is practically a new measure and the fairest to the people of the city that has ever been submitted to the council.

Numerous amendments were incorporated in the measure and some sections were killed. The most important amendments provided for cheap fares for working people and school children and six tickets for a quarter at all times and for the construction of all the proposed new lines within one year instead of allowing the work to extend over a period of three years. It was also provided that all new cars purchased by the company henceforth shall be of the double-truck, eight-wheel variety.

The ordinance was taken up section

by section and threshed over in committee of the whole. As remodelled the ordinance to be presented to the council at its next regular session will provide as follows:

Extension from Sixteenth and Market streets east to the city limits.

Extension from Ninth and Market north to Cass and Ninth, west on Cass to connect with the present line at Fifth and Cass.

On the north side an extension from George and Gohres street north on George to Hayes, west on Hayes to Charles and south on Charles to connect with the present line at Sill and Charles.

Extension from the present south terminal on the Mormon coulee road to the city limits in the middle of the road as far as Dayton street by Oct. 7, 1906, and farther when the council

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REFORMED BY MOTHER'S LETTER

Thoughts of his mother at home alone grieving over her erring son have effected a reformation in Frank Kane, sentenced to the state prison for a year for robbing a fellow work of \$30.

That Kane was possessed of a contrite spirit was evident during his incarceration in the La Crosse county jail before he received his sentence, but since his incarceration at Wau-pun thoughts of home and mother have overwhelmed him and he is a changed man, according to reports received by the authorities here.

Kane (who is 26 years of age, left home two years and a half ago and during the interim has roved the

country over, spending time in many states. Occasionally he worked but more often he made his living in shady ways. The evolution of the professional crook had almost been accomplished when he was suddenly brought to his senses by his arrest and conviction here on the charge of robbing a companion on a Burlington passenger train. Sober reflection and one letter from his old mother did the work. To the authorities Kane has since expressed the most profound contrition for the sorrow he has brought upon his mother. "Oh why didn't I think of her before," he said in talking over the matter with Sheriff Hagen. "I have learned my lesson, but it has been a bitter one."

WILL BUILD DAM FOR ROAD FROM LA CROSSE TO SUPERIOR

(Special Tribune Dispatch.)

NEILLSVILLE, Wis., March 2.—A large dam will be built across the Black river at Hatfield for the purpose of establishing a power plant for an electric railroad to be built from La Crosse to Superior. It is also said that a large glass factory is to be built there. Rock and sand sent to Pittsburg for a test is reported as being superior and better material than Pittsburg's.

This activity has made land values jump in that neighborhood.

One man received \$3,100 for a tract said to be formerly worth about \$500.

E. W. HUBBEL TAKES LIFE EASY

Too lazy to do anything but sleep E. W. Hubbel, who claims his home is in Dodge Center, is perhaps the most typical exponent of a tramp the local police ever had to deal with.

When picked up on the north side this morning Hubbel was slowly making his way from Grand Crossing to the business district. It took him all of an hour to cover the distance, every step seeming to be a great exertion.

Railroad men report he has been sleeping in H. Goddard's barns near the Crossing for several days, only venturing forth when hunger prompted him to beg a meal or the price. At the police station he said he was 46 years of age and had lived in Dodge Center for 40 years. When asked as to his mission here he made no reply and the police came to the conclusion that he had simply drifted in and was too tired to make an effort to leave.

SINGERS HAVE \$2,000 ALREADY

Five weeks after starting a campaign to raise \$5,000 for the entertainment of the Northwestern Scandinavian Singers' association nearly one half of the desired sum has been secured.

Phenomenal success has attended the sale of season tickets for the se-

ries of concerts. With local wholesalers and jobbers assisting in the distribution \$2,000 worth of the tickets have been sold. Financial success of the saengerfest is already assured and the attendance promises to be the largest in the history of the association.

WALSH STOLE \$3,000,000

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, March 2.—John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National bank, was arrested this afternoon charged with having misappropriated three millions of the bank's funds.

PROPAGANDA IN CHINA GROWING

Arrivals From Orient De-
clare it is not Sub-
siding

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)

VICTORIA, B. C., March 2.—Arrivals from China say the propaganda against foreigners is growing instead of subsiding. Leaders are teaching the people the boxer doctrine, that all who fight will be protected against injury. Insurgent arms are found in scores of places and a new emperor is proclaimed. The plot was discovered and martial law was proclaimed in Hupen.

Captain Kelley, an American employed as chief of police at Changsal, was murdered by Greeks whom he arrested for selling arms. The Chinese soldiers pursued the murderers and one committed suicide and the soldiers killed the other.

HEAVY SNOW

Weather Observer Oberholzer late this afternoon issued a warning that indications were for a heavy fall of snow in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota tonight and tomorrow, and that the temperature would drop to 10 above by tomorrow night.

MORRISON TO PROVE CASE FROM THE RECORDS

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, March 2.—The court in the packers' case this morning instructed the attorney general to produce in court all records procured for the prosecution from the department of commerce and labor. The documents admitted are those by which Morrison says he will prove the existence of a combination.

CONDUCTED SCHOOL OF DYNAMITING

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)

BOISE, Idaho, March 2.—According to the testimony today of Detective McPartland before the grand jury, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone experimented with the bombs on a prairie near Denver. It was a regular dynamiting school. McPartland said Haywood was the engineer of dynamite, Moyer the dupe and Pettibone in for the money.

PATRICK GETS NEW LEASE ON LIFE

NEW YORK, March 2.—The hearing of a motion for a new trial for Albert Patrick was adjourned today until April 3. The governor will make a further reprieve, the date for the execution having been set for the week of March 19th.

BLIZZARD IN NE- BRASKA

LINCOLN, Neb., March 2.—A blizzard is raging in the northwest part of the state. Wires are down and minor railroad wrecks have delayed traffic.

OUR LAWS PROTECT THE RICH

Says Officeholder
Resigning Today

FABRIC OF GOVMT. FOOLISH

Commissioner Patterson Says
he is a Socialist in
Beliefs

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, March 2.—John Medill Patterson, aged 28, son of R. W. Patterson, chief owner of the Tribune, resigned today as commissioner of public works, giving as his reason that his views on municipal ownership were enlarged. He goes at length into the discussion of "Illinois under which this nation suffers. He says: "The whole body of our laws are ridiculous, obsolete and designed always to uphold capital at the expense of the community."

He declares, "As I understand socialism I am a socialist."

BABE RIDES AWAY WHILE MOTHER LINGERS

Baby Harry Marshall is willing to testify that the Milwaukee fast mail is the best ever in the way of rapid transit facilities. Baby Harry, who is 18 months old and the only child of Mrs. Henry Marshall of Milwaukee, has opinions founded on experience. Wednesday evening he traveled alone from St. Paul to Winona on the fast mail. Mrs. Marshall, a thorough passenger, had stepped from the train to buy some fruit for her babe. She lingered in the depot longer than she intended to, and when she returned to the train yards the fast mail was whipping its rear car out of sight. It was impossible to recall the train. But the next best thing was done. The fast mail conductor was telegraphed to leave the lone baby at the Winona depot. Mrs. Marshall took the next Winona bound train and in due time recovered her child, who had been well cared for.

ROCKEFELLER APPEARS FOR ENOUGH TIME TO TAKE IN NEW OIL CO.

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.)

PITTSBURG, March 2.—Financial circles say it is proved Rockefeller passed through this city last night in his private car which was carried as a "dead car," on the regular train. He stopped here to complete the taking over by the Standard of the oil interests of N. B. Barnsdall.

La Crosse! Come have a Smoke On Us Tomorrow Night.

We have just completed our Smoking Room. We think its about the Finest Thing in Town. It's so Handsome, so Cozy, so Altogether Satisfactory, that we feel like doing something about it. We're going to set 'em up. Come in Tomorrow Night, say, between 7 and 10 and help us Celebrate.

Fay Lewis & Brothers Co.

313 Main Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

FISH MAY HEAD A QUIZ INTO WORKINGS OF THE MUTUAL LIFE COMPANY

New York, March 2. — Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central railroad, and until recently a trustee of the Mutual Life Insurance company and a member of the Mutual's investigating committee, probably will head a policyholders' movement in that company for investigation and reform. It was practically settled that Fish will lead a committee of policyholders of the Mutual in the United States and Europe. Invitations to prominent policyholders in all parts of the United States have been mailed, and many acceptances are expected by those in charge of the movement. The proposed committee will work independently of the so-called governors and

Lawson committee. It is planned to demand a thorough investigation of the company.

No Presidency for Fish.
Reports that Fish may be asked to accept the presidency of the company in the event of the overthrow of the present regime are said to be without foundation. Cady Herrick, who was one of the counsel to the Trustees until Fish withdrew, will be retained as one of the legal advisers to the international committee. Samuel Untermyer will be associated with him and other eminent counsel will be engaged. Fish has replied to a telegram from Northcliffe, a British nobleman interested in the insurance matter, as follows:

Why He Stepped Down.

Lord Northcliffe, Carmelite House, London—Cable received. Having become satisfied thorough investigation from inside impracticable I resigned from committee, and later from board. The committee's four counsel also resigned. Am invited to join policyholders' movement for investigation and reform. What would you suggest? Would you also join international policyholders' committee and provide suitable French and German representatives for whom you can vouch?

SUITS AGAINST THE MURDYS

Mutual Life Will Try to Recover Some of the Money Spent.

New York, March 2.—Suits already have been instituted by the trustees of the Mutual Life Insurance company against ex-President Richard A. McCurdy, ex-General Manager Robert H. McCurdy and the firm of Charles H. Raymond & Co., formerly general agents for the Mutual, according to an announcement made by the board of trustees. These suits were begun some time ago upon the advice of Joseph H. Choate. Choate had been retained by the trustees to investigate and determine whether there was ground upon which the company could bring suits against these former officers to recover some of the amounts which have been paid them by the Mutual.

Choate's formal report was not made to the trustees until yesterday, but the suits were begun upon a preliminary expression of his views made by Choate before the completion of his formal opinion. L. A. Thebaud, son-in-law of ex-President McCurdy, is a member of the firm of Charles H. Raymond & Co. Robert H. McCurdy is ex-President McCurdy's son. The trustees at their meeting yesterday accepted the resignations from the board of Edgingham B. Morris, of Philadelphia, and Stuyvesant Fish, and after considering the report of the Armstrong investigating committee, which was recently submitted to the legislature, adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That so much of the report of the committee as recommends remedial legislation be referred to the president and counsel, with authority to appear before the legislature at any hearing on the bills introduced by the committee, and to present such facts and considerations as in their judgment may most effectively protect the interests of the company and its policyholders.

"Resolved, That as to the other matters contained in the report the same be referred to the president to examine and report to this board what action if any should be taken thereon; and that until the reception of his report, further action on the report of the committee be postponed."

Richard A. McCurdy and his family and L. A. Thebaud and his family have sailed for Europe.

New Ruling on the Law

Muncie, Ind., March 2. — Justice Behrmer has held in a decision handed down in the case of Albert Lamb, who was charged with failing to keep his 11-year-old son in school, that where it is shown a parent has used due diligence to keep a child in school and is under the impression that such child is attending school, the parent cannot be held guilty of disobeying the law.

He therefore acquitted Lamb, but placed the boy in the hands of the probation officer with instructions to have the lad sent to the reformatory should he absent himself from school again without cause. It has been customary in various parts of the state, to construe the truancy law literally and to assess fines against parents whose children did not attend school as the law provides.

AT THE THEATERS

Mr. F. C. Whitney, the well known manager and producer of musical attractions, will send to this city at La Crosse theatre Saturday, March 3d, with a special matinee at 2:30 p. m., his latest effort in that line, which is entitled "The Pink Hussars, or His Honor the Mayor." Mr. Whitney considers this the largest and most important of his undertakings, and has paid more than usual attention to its organization, both as to the people and the scenery and costumes. "The Pink Hussars, or His Honor the Mayor" has just completed a most successful run of over four months

THE EMPIRE GRILL ROOM

NEXT TO BIJOU—BY J. P. CUSHNER
20c DINNER FROM
11:30 am. to 2 pm.
Beginning Monday, March 5th,
WE WILL SERVE
HOT FREE LUNCH.
9 to 11 A. M.; 9:30 to 5:30 P. M.;
5 to 11 P. M.
SHORT ORDERS DAY AND NIGHT

at the Chicago opera house and it will be many months before the echoes of its many musical hits die out in that city.

The most prominent announcement of the season is Melville B. Raymond's "Buster Brown," a play built on Richard F. Outcault's famous pictures in the New York Herald. This

magnificent production will be given at the La Crosse theatre Thursday, March 8, by the well known manager who have secured for the title part a clever little comedian. The dog Tige, will be played by a well known animal impersonator. This is an elaborate spectacle, entailing the services of some fifty people, including a chorus, ballet and a bevy of girls warrant

ed to be quadruple plated beauties, to wear the "smile that won't come off" and Wanamaker has costumed the entire organization in the latest and most gorgeous fashions. Melville B. Raymond will also direct the tour next season of Master Gabriel in "Little Jack o' Hrnor," Little Nolda in "Miss Bo-Peep," William and Walker in Abyssinia.

Bijou

FAMILY THEATRE

The Palace of Wonders and Amusement. A School of Education for Women, Gentlemen and Children. CLEAN, REFINED AND UP-TO-DATE

Admission 10c Reserved Seats 15c Admission 10c

We are here to stay. The Ladies' Popular Matinee Every Day At 2:30 P. M. Saturday Matinees: All School Children Under 12 Years of Age - - - 5 Cents 2 Performances Every Evening At 7:45 and 9 O'Clock P. M. Special Rates To Family Parties Of Four Or Over. Ask For Family Tickets.

PROGRAM THIS WEEK

George Ramig, Pianist
Overture.
The Cannon Ball - - By Jos. Northup
Chatter-Box - - - - - R. A. Zita

World Reknown Lucados
Novelty Heavyweight Balancers.
No intelligent person of La Crosse can afford to miss seeing this act.

Orgerita Arnold
The California Nightingale will render
High Class Ballads.

Chris. Christopher
Yodeling Comedian and Violinist.
Worth the price of admission alone.

Every Act a Feature. Every Act is Clean. Every Act is Up-to-date. Seeing and Hearing is Believing

ADMISSION

10c

A Few Reserved Seats 15 Cents
Doors Open 7:15 P. M. First Show 7:45 P. M.
Second Show 9:00 P. M. Continuous Show.
Matinee Every Day at 2:30 P. M.
Admission 10 Cents to Any Seat in the House.

ADMISSION

10c

La Crosse Theatre Saturday, March 3. AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

MR. F. C. WHITNEY
Announces His Latest and Greatest
MUSICAL COMEDY

The Pink Hussars

or His Honor, The Mayor.

(Book by C. E. Campbell and R. M. Skinner. Music by Julian Edwards and Alfred E. Aarons.)

Direct from its Remarkable Run of Four Months at The Chicago Opera House.

The following is the Cast of Principal Artists:
J. CLARENCE HARVEY, MABLE HOLLINS
J. MURRAY, HELEN CASE
LOIS E. TABOR, BLANCHE GILSON,
MADGE RYAN, F. VAN RENSSALAER,

and the
...ORIGINAL ENGLISH PONY BALLET...

The Greatest Troupe of Dancing Girls in the World--from the School of Ballet, London, England.

MODERN MUSICAL MIRTHFUL MAGNIFICENT
"A dream of female loveliness."--Chicago Post.

SEVEN PINK HUSSAR SONG HITS.
"A Little Girl Like Me," "Military Willie," "Mary Ann"
"Where the Wild Vine Clings," "I'll Travel the Links With You"
"The Girl From Illinois," "Call Around on Sunday."

Matinee 25c to \$1.00. Evening 25c to \$1.50.

S. F. R. D. 1984 NAVAL ORANGES

Sky High Brand Extra Fancy.

Sizes—96 112 126 150 176 200 216
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Best brand of Oranges on the market.

**JOHN C. BURNS
FRUIT HOUSE.**

WORK WELL DONE WITH SOME MONEY TO SPARE

The citizens' committee which had in charge the entertainment of convention which came here last year has just completed its financial statement, showing that the entire cost of a dozen conventions which La Crosse had last year and a campaign to secure two which are coming this year, was only \$2,748.38. A fund of \$3,000 was raised for the purpose and 14 per cent of this will be returned to subscribers.

The amounts expended for the entertainment of conventions in behalf of this city are as follows:

Upper Mississippi River Improvement association . . . \$258.55
Waterways banquet expense . . . 710.00
G. A. R. of state and aux. . . 379.35
United Spanish War vets. . . 85.00
State Medical society . . . 100.00
Wisconsin State Postmasters' association . . . 150.00
State postoffice clerks . . . 9.00
State Letter carriers . . . 12.50

Independent Order Foresters . . . 113.00
Catholic Order Foresters . . . 119.50
Universalist church society . . . 19.00
Presbyterian synod . . . 25.00
Wisconsin W. C. T. U. . . 25.00
Master Horsehoers' Association . . . 65.00
Bands for special occasions . . . 137.00
Street decorations . . . 160.35
Printing and postage . . . 78.60
U. S. T. campaign for 1906 . . . 150.00
B.O.P.E. campaign for 1906 . . . 150.00

Total . . . \$2,746.38

Receipts.
Contributed by citizens . . . \$2,917.00
Tickets to banquet . . . 275.00

Grand total receipts . . . \$3,192.00

Disbursements.
Entertainment expense . . . \$2,746.38
Returned to contributors . . . 408.38
Expense on report . . . 37.24

Grand total expenses . . . \$3,192.00

WEATHER WE MAY EXPECT FOR STORMY MONTH OF MARCH

The following data, covering a period of 33 years have been compiled from the weather bureau records at La Crosse. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed, during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month.

Month, March for 33 years.

Temperature.

Mean or normal temperature 31 degrees.

The warmest month was that of 1878, with an average of 47.

The coldest month was that of 1899, with an average of 21.

The highest temperature was 78 on March 17, 1894.

The lowest temperature was 23 on March 4, 1873.

Average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, May 2.

The latest date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, June 23, 1886.

Precipitation.

Average for the month 1.57 inches.

Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 10.

The greatest monthly precipitation was 4.23 inches in 1876.

The least monthly precipitation was 0.13 inches in 1883.

The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 2.05 inches on March 27, 1880.

The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-85 only) was 11 inches on March 8, 1891.

Average number of clear days, 9; partly cloudy days, 13; cloudy days, 9.

The prevailing winds have been from the north.

The average hourly velocity of the wind is 8.0.

The highest velocity of the wind was 44 miles from the west on March 3, 1901.

Station—La Crosse, Wis.

Date of issue, Feb. 28, 1906.

Q. R. OBERHOLZER,
Weather Bureau.

The funeral of Miss Esther Lindquist was held this afternoon from the English Lutheran church and interment was made in Oak Grove.

THE MECCA.

BAKED HAM
TOMORROW AFTER-
NOON AT
FOUR O'CLOCK.
SPARERIBS
AND
SALADS.

SHARPEN HARPOON FOR WAGON MERCHANTS

To Compete With La Crosse Business Concerns Transients Must
Pay \$25 Per Day

Under suspension of the rules the council last evening passed an ordinance increasing the license fee of transient merchants from \$5 to \$25 per day. The measure was carried by a unanimous vote, 20 aldermen, constituting the present membership of the council, favoring the ordinance.

In the passage of this ordinance under suspension of the rules the council administered a hard knock to traveling merchants, voicing the opinion of the community that this class

of merchants is not desired in La Crosse, the prevailing sentiment being that local merchants who pay taxes and reside in La Crosse, are entitled to protection.

The new ordinance has special significance at this time, it being aimed at the New York Salvage company, which opened a transient store on South Third street yesterday. The sentiment of citizens, voiced in the vote of the council last night, was unanimously against patronizing concerns of this sort.

CITY NEWS

Wolves are reported as numerous in the vicinity of Mound Prairie.

C. R. Figwell of Norwalk was a city visitor today.

WIRING, the heavy light man.

Lee J. Jester of Grand Maedon is the guest of friends in the city.

Dr. Clemens has moved his office to 115 McMillan building with Dr. Farrand.

A. F. Brandt of Sparta was in the city on business yesterday.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Trinity Lutheran church on Avon street will meet next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church. And the Young People's society will meet the same evening at the same place. Both societies will be entertained by the Rev. Hovestad and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

In every clime its colors are unfurled. Its fame has spread from sea to sea; Be not surprised if in the world to you hear of Rocky Mountain Tea. Ask your druggist.

It is now assured that Madison will be in the state baseball league.

Arthur Post of La Crescent had a finger on his right hand taken off while working at a machine in the La Crosse can company's factory Wednesday.

New classes in elocution and dramatic art will be formed by Miss Keothe, at Keefe College. Personal instruction or class lessons may be had at reasonable rates. Students will find it to their advantage to enter now.

The Woodmen belonging to the Dorchester camp, says the Lansing Journal, turned out on Tuesday of last week and split up a year's supply of wood for John Schroeder during his absence in La Crosse at the St. Francis hospital where he underwent an operation.

I want two pressfeeders at once, H. E. Wheaton, McMillan Bldg.

R. W. Kaufman a Glen Haven young man, was the seventh recruit enlisted at the naval station here this week. The station will be kept open until tomorrow afternoon.

F. A. R. Van Meter's appointment for a second term as postmaster at New Richmond has been confirmed by the senate and Van will hold forth in the office for four years more.

George W. Bunge's suit against the La Crescent school district has been continued until the next term of district court at Caledonia.

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LA CROSSE LUTHER- ANS AT WINONA

A meeting of the pastors of the La Crosse district of the United Norwegian Lutheran church, is being held in the First Scandinavian Lutheran church in Winona. The session began last evening with a sermon by Rev. H. H. Hazen of Strong's Prairie, and morning there was a lecture by Reverend Helvard Roalkvam of Coon Valley. Last evening the services were conducted in the English language by Rev. T. Hovestad of Houston, Minn. Rev. O. Gulbrandson of Blair will lecture on Saturday morning. The Sunday morning service at 10:30 will be addressed by Revs. L. Lund of Elroy and O. Gulbrandson, and on Sunday evening the session will come to a close. At this time short speeches will be made by all the visiting pastors. The following pastors will be present in addition to those previously mentioned as taking part in the program: Revs. M. Gulbrandson of Westby, R. Anderson of La Crosse, A. J. Orle of Pigeon Falls, K. Kirkeberg of Urne, T. Sweger of Fountain, Minn., and H. E. Rasmussen of Lanesboro, Minn.

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New Features in Stiff Hats

This spring it will be the low crown and comparatively flat brim. The change creates rather a more jaunty effect and the style will be largely followed by good dressers. The younger set will be partial to the soft hats, with low crushable crowns and particularly in pearl with white, black or fancy bands. However these soft and very desirable hats will extend to any age. Prices—

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TO ADVERTISERS.

After May 1, 1906, the display ADVERTISING RATES of The Tribune will be 12½ cents per column-inch. This represents an advance of 2½ cents per column-inch. Contracts will be accepted up to that date at the old rate, but they will not be solicited.

The reason! There is NO MONEY in advertising at 10 cents per column-inch. A steady increase in the cost of production has been maintained, with which advertising rates have not kept pace. Added to the increased price paid for labor, warranted by a parallel increase in the cost of living, all "fair" newspapers and job printers on Jan. 1, 1906 inaugurated the 8-hour day, instead of the 9-hour day, the result being an increase of over 11 per cent in the cost of production. This renders it impossible to make fair earnings at the old rate.

Advertisers in The Tribune, however, lose nothing, because the circulation of this paper has increased more than 1,200 in the past six months, and is steadily growing. In substantiation of this statement we renew our offer to enter into any fair arrangement for establishing the truth about La Crosse circulation, under the auspices of The Merchants' Association, and WE AGREE TO PAY THE ENTIRE COST OF THIS INVESTIGATION provided it does not show that we have the largest circulation (country and city) of any La Crosse daily newspaper.

TRIBUNE PUBLISHING COMPANY.

THE STREET CAR MATTER.

La Crosse will have extensive extensions to its street car service, provided the street car company accepts the franchise that was provided last evening and provided "the city" does not change its mind.

La Crosse may one day regret the liberality with which its council gave the street car company the right to use Cass street, a concession which Alderman Withee too aptly characterized as a "plum." Aldermen Withee and Keller were the chief champions of this course, which the former supported because he thought it was likely to be profitable to the company whereas some of the extensions demanded by the city might not be, and the latter favored it because in his opinion it was the only feasible way to secure the needed extension to the Catholic cemetery. We believe these should have been secondary considerations.

The limitation of the time during which the extensions must be made was reduced on the important lines from two or three years to one year. This was opposed by Alderman Withee, who urged that the task was a heavy one, and that more time should be allowed. The temper of the council was clearly fixed on this point, however. Alderman Muenzenberger showed so clearly the urgent need of immediate relief in the southern end of the city where thriving little factories are being located, that the extension here was ordered to be done in one instead of three years; Alderman Bacheller urged the claims of Main street citizens to immediate service and the time here was changed from two years to one year. The ultimatum of the council is that practically all of the work must be concluded within one year from June, 1906. Thus the possibility of the company tying up streets to be used at its own sweet will was avoided. Apparently the aldermen were almost unanimous in accepting the suggestion of Alderman Bacheller that the company would be able to rush the work through in time, "provided it could secure second-hand rails within the limitation fixed by the ordinance."

A significant incident occurred when Alderman Valentine was urging with logic and earnestness the claims of the north side to a single fare within the city limits. The present line connects with the Onalaska line, and the mayor and a number of aldermen declared that the company could not make such arrangement as it was in no way connected with the Onalaska corporation. Alderman Valentine was persistent, and finally a colleague arose and assured the council that "Mr. Edwards told him that he would be glad to give transfers from the Onalaska line to the city line for an hour morning, noon and night." Alderman Bacheller was on his toes in a minute to point out that if the company could do it at one time it could at all times. This evidence that the nickels all go into one hopper was passed over with feverish hurry, and a suggestion of Alderman Houska that a provision requiring the company to extend its lines on the north side to the city limits at a certain date in the future was artfully lost, strayed or stolen in a hush-up-you-naughty thing that will not mend the temper of the north side in being thus placed for all time at the mercy of a very unjust arrangement.

The franchise is a "plum" that the company will pick after due protest. The fact is that public service history is being made rapidly these days, and when the big gun goes off and the people are paying the fiddler, please remember that The Tribune, the "tattooed knocker down the street," has a right to say "I told you so!"

THE MERCHANTS PROTECTED.

There is one thing upon which the aldermen of the city council are evidently all agreed. It is that home merchants should be protected from competition by transient hawkers who come here to unload odds and ends of shopworn or inferior goods, cutting into the market, usually defrauding the public, paying no taxes and doing no good for the city or its people.

In its issue of last evening The Tribune editorially suggested that to raise the city license from \$5 per day to \$25 per day would be a good remedy for this sort of bucanneering. Last night the council un-

animously took this very action, the law going into effect immediately upon its publication. In this way the city will force the job-lot emporiums to contribute to the support of home institutions.

The Leader-Press, with rather more stupidity plus cupidity than malice, accepted advertising of a firm of this sort; The Chronicle with defiant avariciousness grabbed at the dinky dollars of the certain hawkers. The Tribune, without solicitation, made public announcement of the fact that it would not lend the assistance of its columns to an enterprise so obviously unfair to home merchants. We believe that every merchant in La Crosse made mental note of these facts.

THE SAVING CLAUSE.

Alderman Bacheller's determination to introduce into the franchise contract of the street car company a clause reserving to the city the right to take over the system upon fair and proper reimbursement at any time in the future, is a wise step.

Nothing is more certain than that national and municipal ownership of traction lines is coming. La Crosse may be ready for it in a very few years. The alderman from the Twelfth ward has conceived a way to make possible the change at any time, without litigation or expense. This thing of unconditional gifts of valuable franchises on long-time and irrevocable contract-ordinances, is of the past—or should be. Alderman Bacheller's plan should be unanimously adopted.

THE UNPRINTABLE.

From the "esteemed" Morning Organ we clipped the following bit of edification this morning:

"The Chronicle, in common with all other newspapers which maintain a high standard, is constantly in receipt of bits of news from people who doubtless are readers of the paper, but do not stop to consider that they never read in its columns news of the sort they are contributing.

"As an instance, yesterday there came to the office of The Chronicle the following alleged news item, names and addresses being mentioned:

"A well known — of La Crosse was caught by his wife and daughter as he was about to enter the home of Mrs. —, South — street, to meet his beloved, Miss —, who is well known on the — side, and she calls herself a lady."

No, naturally the CHRONICLE does not print "that kind" of news.

Henry Boehm is a specialist at delivering the goods.

OSHKOSH LUMBER CONCERN IS SOLVENT

OSHKOSH, Wis., March 2.—The officers of the Williamson & Libbey Lumber company and the committee which is acting in an advisory capacity regarding its affairs, have issued a statement which says in part:

"The Williamson & Libbey Lumber company is absolutely sound and in no financial danger. Its assets today exceed its liabilities by \$200,000. On account of a large amount of maturing obligations, the directors of the company, because of the large stocks of lumber and manufactured material on hand, not immediately reducible to cash, have of their own accord called into consultation an advisory committee, composed of well known Oshkosh bankers, to devise means for financing the company's affairs until these assets can be converted to advantage. The company is still doing business and expects to continue to do so until its affairs can be liquidated without loss to its stockholders. Owing to their desire to sever their joint partnership and bring about a final division of the estate, the stockholders, heirs of the late D. L. Libbey, are likewise looking forward to a closing out of the business of the Williamson & Libbey Lumber company. In case the assets of the Williamson & Libbey Lumber company shrink unexpectedly, these heirs stand ready, out of their own property, to provide sufficient funds to pay every dollar secured and unsecured of the indebtedness of the Williamson & Libbey Lumber company in full.

The furniture is of weathered oak. It consists of a writing desk, table, chairs and settee. The whole effect is pleasing, and is eloquent of the drowsy enjoyment that comes with repose and a fragrant Havana.

FAY LEWIS CO. HAS GREAT ROOM

Monday morning Fay Lewis & Bros. company will celebrate the opening of their new smoking room just completed in their main store at 313 Main street. The public is invited to call and view one of the most attractive conceits in interior decorating conceivable. Manager Keene's friends are congratulating him upon the origination of a piece of artistic novelty seldom if ever excelled by evolutions of the decorator's art.

What was once a bare and unsightly store room at the rear of the magnificent store has been transformed into a Moorish tent, draped with neatly figured burlap at the sides and canopied with pretty silkolene at the top. Hexagonal shades of mild green glass hold the electric lights that stud the walls, and upon a massive oak table in the center of the room illumination is furnished by a beautiful fancy lamp.

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PROF. LANGLEY AT REST

(Scripps-McRae Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, March 2.—Funeral services for Prof. S. P. Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, were held this afternoon. Interment was made in Boston.

WAUKESHA CHIEF TAKES CROOK

The Waukesha chief of police arrived in the city this morning and this noon left for home with George Reynolds, wanted there for burglarizing several stores and residences. When arrested here Reynolds had the goods on his person and things look bad for him.

BOY SOPRANO TO SING SUNDAY

Joe Stockemer, the boy soprano, will be the soloist at the Kreutz orchestra concert at Germania hall Sunday afternoon. An exceedingly attractive program has been prepared.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The steamer Pennsylvania arrived this morning with two thousand Russians, mostly Jewish refugees.

THOMAS WOULD BE TREASURER

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., March 2.—John W. Thomas, present state railroad commissioner, has announced that he is a candidate for the office of state treasurer. Mr. Thomas has considered the matter for some time, having been pressed by both his friends at his home here and at Madison to become a candidate to succeed John J. Kempf, but it was not until today that he decided to make his formal announcement.

Eagle Hotel, at 120 S. 5th St., has changed hands, and L. J. SCHAMM, the Meat Market man of 925 Mississippi St. has taken the management. Everything remodeled and up-to-date. Popular Rates. Good barn in connection.

JUST LIFE

We have in mind a certain change in the name of a game that might be appreciated. Why not call that Kelley pool game a Pfool game, (for the strangers)?

Its useless to try to argue with a man whose head runs to a point.

While you wander through life pick out all the good things for yourself you find.

In a study of character the man who dons a "flare" overcoat, shines his shoes and combs his hair neatly over an empty head, and makes a break for society, is a humorous problem.

While the police are purifying the town by closing the saloons at midnight, it might be well to examine into certain conditions prevailing at some public places, not in the lowest type in town.

That Oak Valley Wag.

For the benefit of some who complain of the quality of news in local papers we have selected the following, a week's correspondence from Oak Valley, in the Osseo Recorder:

Peter Huskelhus from Strum visited his cousins in this valley. You looked so lonely P.

Lina Sedahl visited with ye scribe Thursday.

Olive Hawkenson has quit working for Iver Skoyen. Are you going west, O.?

Misses Alice and Amanda Berg spent an enjoyable day with ye scribe a week ago.

Well now, February is about over and I guess there are many who wish it had been twice as long.

And those brass faced boys who go around sweet as sugar lumps. They send the most valentines and the homeliest ones. Isn't that so, E. G.? I don't write this to take anybody's part than my own, as I've got my share. But I won't go bald headed for the valentines I've got. I've learned to beware of those shiny gold-plated calls, now. First they send a valentine and then come around as sweet as a sugar plum to hear and see how it suited.

I know somebody who tried their brains to be awful smart here one day but I'm not quite as big a fool as you think I look to be. If any one sees this who have tried to do it this way, they can see that people can find out lots of things.

The Lewis scribe wished to see my picture in the paper, but think that scribe better send his first, as it used to be that they who think themselves of a higher class have the first chance.

Say O, when I see you I'll thank you for something and tell you something.

Wonder when I'll see you again, Hulda?

—W. V. K.

CAR ORDINANCE

(Continued from page 1.)

oil shall direct.

Extension on Main street from Sixteenth to the city limits and south from Twenty-third and Main along Twenty-third to Market, work to be completed by June 1, 1907.

Six checks good for fares must be sold for 25 cents; that 30 checks good from 6 to 8 a. m. and 5 to 7 p. m. shall be sold for \$1 and that school children shall ride between 7:30 and 9:15 a. m. and 12 and 1 noon and 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. at half fare, 40 tickets to be sold for \$1.

Cars shall be run from Fourth and Main streets north every 20 minutes until midnight.

The company will be required to run all cars at all times to the Green Bay & Western depot tracks on the cemetery line.

Upon Mayor Torrance's suggestion all double tracking will be laid hereafter wide enough to accommodate double truck cars.

One fare to the city limits on the north side, the company being required to make some arrangement with the Onalaska line so this will be possible.

An amendment to run owl cars to

Head Ache Sometimes?

If so, it will interest you to know that it can be stopped with Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills; and without any bad after-effects, and this without danger of forming a drug habit or having your stomach disarranged. They positively contain no opium, morphine, cocaine, chloral, ether or chloroform in any form. Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills relieve pain, and leave only a sense of relief. The reason for this is explained by the fact that headache comes from tired, irritable, turbulent, over-taxed brain nerves. Anti-Pain Pills soothe and strengthen these nerves, thus removing the cause. They are harmless when taken as directed.

"We use Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills for the cure of headache, and we think that there is nothing that will equal them. They will cure the severest spell of nervous or sick headache in a very few minutes. I am of a nervous temperament, and occasionally have spells when my nerves seem to be completely exhausted, and I tremble so I can scarcely contain myself. At these times I always take the Anti-Pain Pills, and they quiet me right away. It is remarkable what a soothing effect they have upon the nerves."

MRS. F. E. KARL, Detroit, Mich.
Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills are sold by your druggist, who will guarantee that the first package will benefit. If it fails, he will return your money. 25 doses, 25 cents. Never sold in bulk. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

the north side every hour all night, introduced by Alderman Bacheller, was lost.

The provision allowing aldermen, firemen, policemen and city officials to ride free was stricken out by a unanimous vote, it being pronounced a violation of the state anti-pass law.

The first opposition to the original franchise ordinance when the council met in committee of the whole came from Alderman Emery, who presented a remonstrance signed by a majority of the property owners on Ninth street, against the Cass and Ninth street line.

Alderman Keller made an impassioned speech in favor of this line, arguing that the proposed extension would benefit between 7,000 and 8,000 Catholics in reaching the Catholic cemetery.

Aldermen Rehuss and Withee also spoke in favor of this line.

Alderman Houska objected to this line because some of the residents of his ward would be inconvenienced by the discontinuance of the two blocks on Market between Seventh and Ninth streets.

Alderman Bacheller said he was decidedly opposed to the Cass street line because it would spoil one of the most beautiful street in the city. Mr. Bacheller did not believe in giving the railway company the privilege of honeycombing the city with tracks so there would be no streets left on which suburban lines could run into the city if they should be built in the future.

The proposition to cut out this section of the ordinance was lost by a vote of 13 to 7.

It was unanimously voted to allow the company to run its tracks from Sixteenth street east to the city limits on one side of Market street, completing the line to the Catholic cemetery.

\$200,000 N. Y. FIRE.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A five story building on Broadway was destroyed this morning with a loss of \$200,000.

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Name _____

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La Crosse, Wis., _____, 1906.

Report of the Financial Condition of the

Batavian National Bank

LOCATED AT LA CROSSE, STATE OF WISCONSIN, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1906.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$2,303,633.51
Overdrafts	1,601.87
U. S. bonds and premium	404,000.00
Other bonds	121,511.89
Banking house & fixtures	75,000.00
5% redemption fund	20,000.00
Cash and due from banks	677,232.60
	\$3,603,633.87
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$ 400,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits	3,631.61
Nat'l bank notes outstanding	390,000.00
Dividends unpaid	375.00
Deposits	2,703,033.26
	\$3,603,633.87



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United States Depository

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Capital and Surplus \$100,000.00.

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Capital..... \$25,000.00
Surplus..... 3,000.00
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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Hard wood, slabs, and all kinds of cord wood, four foot and stove length. Old phone, Orin D. Wilbur, 902 Avon street.

BIG BARGAIN—A house and lot in South La Crosse for \$900. Time payments if desired. Address T. S. Tribune.

FOR SALE—House, two lots, farm implements, household goods, 931 West avenue South.

FOR SALE—Corn cobs good for fuel. Thomas and Phalon. Both phones.

FOR SALE—Gateway City Transfer line has dry hard wood for sale. C. O. D.

HELP WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade. We prepare you for positions \$12 to \$20 weekly. You can practically earn your tuition, tools and board before completing. Positions waiting. Few weeks completes. Write today. Moler Barber College, Chicago, Ills.

WANTED—Two pressfeeders at Wheaton's printing office, 523 McMillan Bldg.

WANTED—Canvassers to solicit in city. Address, J. A. X., care Tribune.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED—Girls in the bottling department. Jno. Gund Brg. Co.

WANTED—Young lady to assist in housework, 920 Rose street.

WANTED—Dining room girls at Henry & Frank.

Wanted—25 stitchers at Valy Garment Co.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Factory building located on North Third street. Main room 55x60. Private railroad track in rear. Inquire Wisconsin Pearl Button Co.

FOR RENT—Store to be built at once, 24x40 ft. good location; city heat; reasonable rent to good party. Apply at 112 North Fifth st.

FOR RENT—Furnished room in modern house, centrally located; gentlemen preferred. Apply 1122 Main street.

FOR RENT—Swell roomy house with bath. Ten dollars per month. Horton's Park, 1042, Denton street.

WANTED—Two good inside wiremen. Benton & Son.

FINANCIAL

I WILL PAY you 6 per cent on a three or twelve hundred dollar loan on improved city real estate. Address, R. W., Tribune Office.

MONEY TO LOAN—Diamonds, watches, etc. Stevens, 510 Main street.

WANTED TO RENT

WANTED TO RENT—Three or four unfurnished rooms near center of town. Address W., care Tribune.

WANTED

WANTED—Bookkeeper and stenographer desires position. Can furnish good references. Address Y, Tribune.

WANTED—Lace curtains to do up at home, 40c a pair. Call at 1002 South Fourth street.

FOR EXCHANGE

WANTED—To exchange a splendid lot in North La Crosse with a cement sidewalk; will exchange same for a nice span of driving horses. Inquire 305 North Sixth street.

LOST

LOST—Purse containing small amount and 2 keys. Reward of \$1 for return of keys only. C. G., this office.

WANTED—TO BUY

WANTED—10 cents will be paid for unutilized copy of the Tribune of Nov. 30, 1905, immediately.

HORSES CLIPPED

HORSES CLIPPED by power at Alexander & Verkin's horse shoeing shop, 427 Jay street. Both phones. Wilhelm & Alexander.

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North Side News

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H. W. SINGER, Mgr.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BLANCHARD

The family of L. D. Blanchard arrived on the 11 o'clock train from Winona last evening with the remains of Mrs. L. D. Blanchard who died Thursday morning.

The funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. from the Caledonia street M. E. church.

The family wishes to announce that the friends of Mrs. Blanchard who desire will have the privilege of seeing the remains at the home 1329 Caledonia street Saturday between the hours of two and five o'clock p. m.

Deceased was 65 years of age and death was caused by dropsy.

She was born in Germany and came to this country about seven years ago, coming to La Crosse where they have made their home ever since.

Two children survive, Mrs. Patschull and Fred R. Loth. The funeral will be held from the Avon street Lutheran church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Thuroff officiating and Andrew Sletten in charge. Interment will be made in the Oak Grove cemetery.

Spettel Retires From Photographic Business

C. J. Spettel of 806 Caledonia street who has been in the photography business since 1885 has decided to retire from the business and will in the future put his time exclusively upon the photo-engraving business upon copper and zinc upon which he has been studying for the past five years. J. J. Clemens of Chicago will arrive and take charge of the business at his present location on April 1st.

Mr. Spettel has just received a 1,000 candle power Cooper-Hewitt lamp which he will use in his new venture from the Wisconsin Light and Power company which is the first one of its kind manufactured having the alternating current. It was displayed in their windows on the south side for some time.

Conductor Black Stone and Engineer Syfied took a banana train of 15 cars to Minneapolis today. They are sent straight through from the gulf and the trains make almost passenger time. Some times they pass through here in the evening and in the morning they are already being unloaded at Minneapolis.

CHILD DEAD

Lillie Elizabeth Mullett, the eighteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mullett of 211 Caledonia street died yesterday.

The funeral was held this morning, Wm. Dwyer in charge and interment was made in the Campbell cemetery.

ENTERTAINS AT SUPPER

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Luck entertained a few friends at supper last evening. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Luck, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lawson, Dr. A. E. Erling and Miss Neallie Nelson.

Train Master E. W. Morrison of the Milwaukee road is in the city on a short business visit.

John Gibson of 1019 Avon street is recovering after a siege of illness.

Miss Elizabeth Larkin left today

for Minneapolis on a short visit with relatives and friends.

Rev. Hovestadt of the Avon street Trinity church will entertain the ladies' society next Tuesday afternoon in the church parlors. In the evening he will entertain the ladies' society.

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Arthur Post who has one of his fingers taken off at the first joint while operating an ear machine at the La Crosse Can company, returned to his home at La Crescent yesterday.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce to my patrons that I am retiring from the photographing business and am going into the photo-engraving business. I will continue to take postal pictures at the former price of two for 25 cents until April 1st, when the new man will take possession. Thanking for your patronage in the past and in advance for any I may do for you in the short space of time in which I will still be in the business I remain,

Respectfully yours,
C. J. SPETTEL,
806 Caledonia street.

THE MARKETS

Following were the quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade today:

Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close.
May ... \$1.12 1/2 \$1.13 1/2 \$1.09 1/2 \$1.09 1/2
July81 .81 1/2 .80 1/2 .80 1/2
Sept.80 .80 1/2 .79 1/2 .79 1/2
Corn—
Mar.40 1/2 .40 1/2 .40 1/2 .40 1/2
May43 1/2 .43 1/2 .42 1/2 .42 1/2
July43 1/2 .43 1/2 .42 1/2 .42 1/2
Sept.44 1/2 .44 1/2 .44 .44 1/2
Oats—
May30 1/2 .30 1/2 .30 .30 1/2
July29 1/2 .29 1/2 .29 .29 1/2
Sept.28 1/2 .28 1/2 .28 .28 1/2
Pork—
May ... 15.25 15.40 15.07 15.17 1/2
July ... 15.20 15.25 15.10 15.15
Lard—
May ... 7.77 1/2 7.80 7.75 7.77
July ... 7.87 1/2 7.87 1/2 7.85 7.85
Sept. ... 7.97 7.98 7.95 7.97 1/2
Short Ribs—
May ... 8.15 8.12 8.02 8.10
July ... 8.10 8.17 8.07 8.15
Sept. ... 8.24 8.24 8.24 8.24
Cash sales—Wheat—No. 2 red, 82 1/2 c; No. 3 red, 80 1/2 c; No. 2 hard, 78 1/2 c; No. 3 hard, 75 1/2 c; No. 1 northern, 80 1/2 c; No. 2 northern, 80 1/2 c; No. 3 spring, 76 1/2 c; No. 2, 39 1/2 c; No. 2, white, 40 1/2 c; No. 2 yellow, 40 1/2 c; No. 3, 39 1/2 c; No. 3 white, 39 1/2 c; No. 3 yellow, 39 1/2 c; No. 2, 36 1/2 c; No. 3, 35 1/2 c; Oats—No. 2, 30 c; No. 3 white, 29 1/2 c; No. 3, 29 c; No. 3 white, 29 1/2 c; No. 4 white, 29 1/2 c; standard, 30 1/2 c; 41 1/2 c.
Live Stock, Poultry and Hays.
Chicago, March 1.
Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 25,000. Sales ranged at \$6.35 @ \$6.40 for choice to prime heavy, \$6.30 @ \$6.35 for medium to good heavy, \$6.20 @ \$6.25 for good to choice heavy mixed, \$6.27 1/2 @ \$6.35 for medium mixed packing, and \$5.70 @ \$6.30 for poor to prime pigs.
Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 7,500. Quotations ranged at \$5.75 @ \$6.30 for prime steers, \$5.65 @ \$6.25 for good to choice cows, \$5.50 @ \$6.00 for choice bulls, \$4.40 @ \$5.00 for prime heifers, \$7.25 @ \$7.50 for good to choice calves, \$4.35 @ \$4.75 for good to choice feeders.
Sheep—Estimated receipts for the day, 17,000. Quotations ranged at \$5.80 @ \$6.00 for good to choice wethers, \$5.25 @ \$5.50 for good to prime wethers, \$5.50 @ \$6.25 for fair to prime yearlings, and \$6.20 @ \$7.00 for good to choice lambs.
Live poultry—Turkeys, per lb., 13 @ 14c; chickens, fowls, 12c; roosters, 7 1/2 c; springs, 12c per lb; ducks, 13c; geese, \$6.00 @ \$6.00 per doz.
Hay—Choice timothy, \$11.00 @ \$11.50; No. 1, \$9.50 @ \$10.00; No. 2, \$7.50 @ \$8.50; No. 3, \$7.00 @ \$7.50; choice prairie, \$9.50 @ \$10.00; No. 1, \$8.00 @ \$9.00; No. 2, \$7.00 @ \$7.50; No. 3, \$6.50 @ \$7.00; No. 4, \$6.00 @ \$6.50.
East Buffalo Live Stock.
East Buffalo, N. Y., March 1.
Dunning & Stevens, Live Stock Commission Merchants, East Buffalo, N. Y., quote as follows: Cattle—Receipts, 5 cars; market steady; export

LA CROSSE BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

What is Made in La Crosse and Who Makes It.

A WORD TO MANUFACTURERS—We want to write you up. We take this means of urging manufacturers to mail us at once a concise statement of the facts concerning their respective institutions which they think will interest the public, furnish information as to the sort of plant and nature of its product and enable us to induce home people to patronize it. Please do this AT ONCE. It is to YOUR INTEREST to do so. We want not only this particular statement, but we invite manufacturers to mail us at any time any new information that may be of interest concerning their establishments and operations.

THE PUBLISHERS.

steers, \$5.25 @ 5.75; shipping steers, \$5.00 @ 5.25; fat cows, \$4.00 @ 4.25; fair to good, \$3.25 @ 3.50; best heifers, \$4.50 @ 5.00; medium heifers, \$3.50 @ 4.00; 700 lb. butcher steers, \$4.00 @ 4.25. Hogs—Receipts, 30 cars; market slow; all grades, \$6.55 @ 6.00. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 25 cars; market steady; native lambs, \$7.50 @ 7.90; wethers, \$7.25 @ 7.35; handy yearlings, \$6.40 @ 6.50; heavy, \$6.00 @ 6.20; wethers, \$5.75 @ 6.00. Veals—Market strong; best, \$8.75 @ 9.00; heavy, \$4.00 @ 5.00.

WHOLESALE PRICES.

Butter and Eggs.
Dairy butter—21 to 22c.
Roll butter—21c.
Fresh eggs—16c.
Cheese—Cream twins, 13 1/2 to 14; brick cheese, 12 to 12 1/2; full cream limburger, 11 1/2 to 12; long horn, 13 1/2 to 14; Young America, 13 1/2 to 14; German hand, per box, 90c; plain hand, per box, 20c; Swiss, 14 to 15c.
Wood.
Hardwood—\$5 per cord.
Slabs—Cord, \$3.75 to \$4.25.
Mixed—\$4.50.

Hay.
Hay—Tame hay \$8, millet 6, marsh and old \$5 to \$5.50.
Straw—\$5.00 to \$5.50.

Fruits.
Fruit—California navels, \$4 to \$5; California lemons, \$5 to 5.50; bananas, per bunch, \$1.50 to \$2.50.
Pears—Dozen, 15 to 25c.
Apples—Duchess, peck, 40c.

Miscellaneous.
Quinces—Peck, 50c.
Cranberries—Quart, 12c.
Oats—26 to 27.
Wheat—72 to 73.
Barley—45.
Honey—Pound, 13c.
Rye—50 to 55c.
Corn—30 to 42c.
Dressed pork—\$6.35 to 6.50.

Flour.
Patent—per barrel, \$4.40.
Straight—Per barrel, \$4.20.
10 cents off for cash.

Mill Feed.
Bran—Per ton, \$16.
Shorts—Per ton, \$17.
White middlings—Per ton, \$19.
Red Dog—Per ton, \$21.

Vegetables.
Leaf lettuce—Dozen, 20c.
Head lettuce—Dozen, 50c.
Turnips—Bushel, 50c.
New potatoes—Bushel, 70c.
Celery—Dozen, 25c.
Beets—Peck, 15c.
Cabbage—Dozen, 60c.
Dry onions—Peck, 25c.
Parsnips—Bushel, 75c.
Onions—Bushel, \$1.00.
Beets—Bushel, 60c.
Carrots—Bushel, 60c.
Spinach—Peck, 15c.
Pie plant—Bunch, 3c.
Wax Beans—8c.
Cucumbers—Bushel, 80c.
Summer squash—Dozen, 25c.
Bermuda Onions—Pound, 8c.
Sweet potatoes—Pound, 5c.
Pumpkins—Each, 5 to 8c.
Hubbard squash—Each, 8 to 10c.

William Holl has resigned his position as clerk at the Lavoque grocery store and accepted a position as brakeman.

Livery Notice

We will furnish FUNERAL OUTFITS, white or black hearses, until further notice, as follows: Hearse, \$1.00; pallbearers wagon, \$1.00; carriages, \$1.00. SUNDAYS EXCEPTED.

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MR. R. C. MCALEB, 127 North Third Street—Signs.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN LEAF CO., 1822 South Front Street.

VOUGHT-BERGER CO., 723 Summer Street—Telephones.

STAR KNITTING CO., 124 Main Street—Mittens and Gloves.

LA CROSSE ENGRAVING CO., 108 South Second Street.

HENRY WATERS, Cigar Factory, 416 South Fourth street.

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MR. AUGUST MILLER, 111 South Front Street—Brooms.

LA CROSSE BOOT AND SHOE MFG. CO., 117 North Second.

LA CROSSE BOTTLING WORKS, 520 South Third street.

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LA CROSSE IMPLEMENT & TRANSFER CO., 110 North Third.

LA CROSSE RUG CO., 109 Main street.

LA CROSSE CLO

MAIL ORDER GRAFT GETS FARMERS' CASH; GOES BROKE

"Cash Buyers' Union," Five Million Dollar Concern Leaves Creditors in the Lurch

The "Cash Buyers' Union," a great "mail order" house of Chicago, has gone to the wall. This house secured considerable business from La Crosse and vicinity. The story as told by The Chicago Tribune is as follows:

Federal Judge S. H. Bethea yesterday appointed Edwin C. Day receiver for the Cash Buyers' Union First National Co-operative society. The concern is a mammoth mail order house of \$5,000,000 capital stock, supposed to be modeled after the Manchester co-operative society of England. It has stockholders among farmers and laboring people throughout the country. It occupies an eight story building at Jackson boulevard and Green street.

The action was taken on the petition of three creditors who acted at the direct instigation of the postal authorities, who have been conducting an investigation of the company during the last six months. Criminal prosecution depends upon the examination of the books, which will be taken up under the receivership.

The postoffice inspectors say that \$1,027,000 worth of common stock has been sold. Julius Kahn, formerly with Sears, Roebuck & Co., is president. Admitted liabilities are close to \$300,000, and it is estimated that the merchandise on hand is not worth more than \$150,000. The open bank account of the society is \$60,000.

Defendant Asks Delay.
The co-operative society was represented by Attorney Jacob Newman. He declared that the assets of the firm are close to \$500,000, while the liabilities are not more than \$300,000. He objected to the receivership on the ground that it would take but a few days to get the situation in hand.

"I have received information from the postoffice authorities which leads me to believe that it will be unwise for me to wait longer," said Judge Bethea. "There is ground for suspicion from the mere fact that the postoffice men are investigating." Mr. Day was appointed in bonds of \$150,000.

Many complaints have been made to the postoffice department about the society. Inspector Stuart was advised from Washington to make a careful investigation. The society was incorporated three years ago in New Jersey with a capital stock of \$5,000,000. The advertising was extensive at first, \$30,000 being spent in circulating catalogues. Stock amounting to \$1,027,000 was sold through the mails. The stockholders paid \$10 a share. They were told that a 10 per cent dividend would be paid each year and that stockholders would receive 5 per cent discount on all purchases made and a 5 per cent commission on all sales made to customers.

Discoveries of Inspectors.

The inspectors discovered that of the \$1,027,000 received from the sale of stock, \$1,000,000 from sales of goods during the last year, and thousands of dollars received in other ways, all that the society now holds is placed at a high valuation by the postoffice men at \$300,000. The receipts of the company during January and February are placed at \$260,000. Many orders have not been filled, and many employees have not been paid. The rental of the building is \$35,000 a year, and there are 150 employees.

The prospectus of the scheme was alluring. A man from Texas bought the literature and bought a share of stock for \$10. When he came to Chicago he bought a bill of goods and as his discount for being a stockholder received \$47. He went away with the idea of drumming up more trade.

The action of the postoffice inspectors in standing behind and urging the receivership is an indication that prosecution is not far off, although Inspectors Ketcham and Kimball, who have had the case, would not admit that this was decided upon. Mr. Kahn was visited by these inspectors three weeks ago and asked for a statement of his business. No such document has been forthcoming. The appointment of the receiver makes the books accessible.

Story of J. C. S. Mampson.

Coupled with this court proceeding is the story told by J. C. S. Mampson, once editor of the Co-operative, the magazine issued to advertise the business. He has been instrumental in aiding the government work since his retirement from the position. It was a letter that Mampson wrote to the editor of Leslie's Weekly a year ago, protesting against an advertisement which Kahn had inserted in that publication that gave Kahn his first knowledge that his concern was being looked up.

"Kahn took a bankrupt business on an option of \$30,000 and made it into this thing that he calls co-operation," said Mampson. "It is a one-man business. There are no officers. His secretary and treasurer are mere bookkeepers drawing \$25 a week. He took \$2,500,000 worth of stock for his own use and sold the other \$2,500,000 to the public."

It is only necessary to ask La Crosse people and readers of the Tri-

bune to study this article and the effect of the failure. The moral that it don't pay to deal with any but home merchants is apparent.

INSURANCE RATES WILL GO UP

To the Editor:

While we are talking about city welfare why not bring up the question of having an inspector of wiring for the city of La Crosse.

You will probably say that this has been brought up before our council many times and each time has been voted down. More shame. It is appalling to note the slipshod way wiring has been done.

The writer learns that competition has been so close that some of the local wiring contractors have actually been using material that does not conform with the rules of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

It is a common sight to see wiring in new houses interwoven with gas, water and heating pipes. Common sense tells the observer that this is of the utmost danger to the occupant as well as to the property. Still the city dads are talking parks, paving, etc.

I had occasion to meet a young lad the other day sauntering down the street with a bundle of wire over one arm and a kit of tools in the other. Walking along our conversation naturally drifted onto the wiring subject. Upon making further inquiry I found that he was receiving \$3.50 per week for his services as a wireman. "A wireman!" Think of it, only one month with his employer and sent out to do a job that involved the risk of life and property.

With the exception of one or two concerns this kind of labor is used and tolerated, and will be until the council considers this matter gravely and acts accordingly.

It is high time that something was done in this direction. Cities all over the state have adopted this measure and are doubly repaid for their enterprise.

As soon as the insurance inspectors visit the city insurance rates will take a bound or the wiring contractors will reap a harvest.

I for one would pay for wiring according to the highest bid submitted as one can get a very good idea of the calibre of work the contractor does. As soon as one of our thoroughfares has been visited by a fire caused by defective wiring then our council will sit up and take notice.

SQUARE DEAL.

RETAIN PARTY ORGANIZATION

WAUSAU, Wis., March 2.—The republicans met in a conference meeting, called by the city committee yesterday, and it is believed that they have reached a practical solution of the problem of adapting the party organization to the primary election law. The meeting adopted resolutions, selected a committee to have the management of the city campaign, and nominatory speeches were made for candidates for the several offices, but no ballot was taken. Enthusiastic speeches were made, and the campaign was practically opened.

SEED GRAIN DAY IN ALL SCHOOLS

Corn, "king of grains," has issued an official proclamation that every school throughout the land shall observe Seed Grain Day in April—south of latitude of St. Louis, April 4 is the day; north of that line, April 11, or as near these dates as possible.

All children are requested to at once test selected seed grain. To do this take two dinner plates and two pieces of thick cloth or blotting paper the size of the inner part of the plate. Wet these thoroughly and drain off the extra water. Put one piece of cloth on the plate and scatter the grain over it evenly and cover with the second cloth. Turn the other plate over it to prevent evaporation and set in a warm place. Examine frequently and if it grows dry add a little water. After six or eight days remove the cloths and determine the percentage of germination. To test kernels from several ears of corn in the same plate, mark off the blotting paper into squares and number each one to correspond with the ear from

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which the kernels are taken. Report results of test in school on Seed Grain day. Also bring to school a sample ear of 100 kernels of corn or other grain seed to study their good and poor points, tell which varieties are best and why, figure difference in cost and profit of good vs poor yields, or carry out any of the many plans for the day suggested in the proclamation, which may be had free by writing King Korn, 1443 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

A young folks' grain club is to be organized by the boys and girls of each school or district, and a harvest festival is to be held next autumn by each school, for which many and valuable prizes are offered. The state of Colorado gives \$2500 in special prizes, Minnesota a like amount, other states are officially promoting the idea in various ways, and the children may also compete equally with the grown-ups in the contest to add millions to grain growers' profits. This plan adds new fascinations to nature study and introduces agriculture into schools in a most interesting and practical way.

SALOON ROBBERS DEN

MARINETTE, Wis., March 2.—The police arrested in this city Art Nohlschek and Allen Olson in connection with a "fence" discovered on the Pierce avenue road. Joe Nohlschek, who was shot in the arm by Deputy Siebel, has not been captured. The saloon raided proved to be a typical robbers' den. Secret rooms were discovered and the doors were found only after a close inspection. The robbers evidently had notice of the raid and removed the largest part of the stolen goods.

The work of repairing the West channel bridge was finished yesterday.

TRAVELING MEN TO BOYCOTT FIRE-TRAPS

(Special Tribune Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, March 2.—Western traveling men have started a movement to secure safer hotels. Members of the Illinois Commercial Men's association have agreed to constitute themselves a body of fire inspectors with roving commissions to see that fire regulations are observed in all hotels in which they stop, and to "kick" when dangerous conditions are discovered.

The West Hotel fire in Minneapolis started this movement, and the Illinois traveling men have already heard from Iowa and other associations that the campaign for safer hotels will have the support of the traveling brotherhood everywhere.

The West Hotel was of the so-called "slow-burning" order, but it did not burn slow enough to prevent the death of eight people, six of whom were traveling men. It is not this sort of "fireproof" hotel that the commercial travelers demand. They promise their patronage to proprietors of the steel and fireproof-tile type of hotel. In view of the fact that traveling men form the largest element in hotel prosperity, it is not unlikely that their campaign will be the beginning of an era of fireproof building, such as no other agency has been able to bring about.

"In any hotel fire most of the people whose lives are endangered are traveling men," said the president of the Illinois association. "We spend most of our nights in hotels and have a right to demand greater safety. Possibly many doubt if there is sufficient need for such a radical movement. Of three or four hotels in a good sized city, it will be difficult to determine which is the least protected. The rule obtains the country through, even in states where strict laws covering this subject are found on the statutes. There are now laws enough, and it is up to us to stir them into action. Already the campaign

SEPARATE SKIRTS.....

It seems a pity to wear out the skirt of a good suit, in sitting around the house. Women want separate skirts for this purpose and to wear with covert jackets, and on tramping expeditions.

SEE IF THIS ISN'T WHAT THEY LIKE.

Skirts of Panama and worsted mixtures, each at..... **\$3.90**

Skirts of Panama, worsted and crash, in grey mixtures, each at..... **\$5.00**

Skirts in light, medium and dark greys, in tightly woven worsteds, at—
\$9.00, \$7.50 & \$6.00

These skirts follow the general lines for spring. Good circular models with straps and buttons, and some shaped inverted pleats, walking lengths

Dress Goods, 5 pieces fancy mohair for skirts and suits, per yard at..... **39c**

500 yards black and colored dress lining, 25c grade, at per yard..... **17c**

10 doz. Ladies' Cashmere Hose, well worth 50c, at per pair..... **29c**

POEHLING

FOURTH AND MAIN ST.

has won its converts and individually the travelers will boycott hotels that do not provide protection."

SEWING CLUB.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pfaffin of Clinton street entertained the Sewing club of the south side at their home last evening. Refreshments were served. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames F. Koblit, G. Betz, E. Krouse, Wm. Thille, M. M. Betz, Hedinger, A. Thill, W. Rochelt, and Liso.

Reports from Houston are that Root river is starting on its regular spring rampage, rising rapidly and giving every indication of the ordinary flood.

DON'T BE PENNY WISE AND POUND FOOLISH.

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